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SUBJ: UNCTAD: ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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1. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GROUP B WORKING GROUP ON THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MET AT US MISSION JAN 25 TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE. WORKING GROUP HAD A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF GROUP B POSITION WHICH DID NOT TOUCH ON SUBSTANCE IN ANY DETAIL, BUT RATHER CONCENTRATED ON PROCEDURAL-FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS.

2. WORKING GROUP CONSENSUS WAS THAT GROUP B MUST MAINTAIN PARTICIPATORY ROLE IN ALL DECISION-MAKING ON ECDC, MUST ATTEMPT TO WORK UP PRIORITIES WITHIN AMBITIOUS UNCTAD
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SECRETARIAT WORKING PROGRAM AND MUST ARRIVE AT COMMON DEFINITION OF "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" IN VIEW OF SECRETARIAT VIEW EXPRESSED IN PARA 14 OF REFTTEL (A).

3. WORKING GROUP DECIDED TO MAKE DIVISION OF LABOR IN PREPARATION FOR FIRST MEETING. THE UNITED STATES WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF GATHERING INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND

PAST ACTIVITIES IN ECDC FIELD FROM ECLA AND ECA, JAPAN FOR ESCAP, FRANCE FOR UNDP/TCDC, FRG FOR UNIDO, UK FOR GATT, AND NORWAY FOR ITC. BRIEF PRELIMINARY REPORTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED BY FEBRUARY 1, WHEN NEXT MEETING OF WORKING GROUP SCHEDULED. IF GROUP B SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING OF COMMITTEE BEYOND FEBRUARY 7, MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE SOUGHT. SUBJECT MATTER TO BE COVERED TO FOLLOW OUTLINE WORK PROGRAM IN REFTEL (A) WITH THE ADDITION OF ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE USEFUL WELCOME. WG MEMBERS TO GATHER INFORMATION ON BILATERAL PROGRAMS AS WELL.

4. CHAIRMAN WORKING GROUP WILL BE SEEKING INFORMATION FROM UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ON PRESENT MANNING OF SECRETARIAT DIVISIONS LIKELY TO BE ENGAGED IN WORK PROGRAM IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN "SLACK" IN USE OF PERSONNEL THAT COULD BE DIVERTED TO ECDC PROGRAM AND FOR SUBSEQUENT USE IN PROGRAM/BUDGET REVIEW.

5. WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPT AND/OR MISSION TO ECLA AND ECA COULD UNDERTAKE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION REQUESTED. SINCE WG WILL HOLD FIRST DISCUSSION ON SUBSTANCE OF ECDC PROGRAM AT NEXT MEETING, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS OF DEPARTMENT. MEANWHILE GROUP B COORDINATOR SEEKING POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING. REPORT TO FOLLOW. CATTO

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